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## Let summertime roll



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**Noah Smith, right, bounces around stage with his band Friday night as the Main Street Live concert series gets cranking for the summer. Runaway Home is set to perform this coming Friday.**

## Noah Smith launches Main Street Live shows

With lawn chairs and a comforting breeze, the Main Street Live summer concert series launched its 2018 season Friday night with a twangy performance from Noah Smith.

A McMinnville regular, Smith entertained the crowd with his familiar voice, lively guitar, and set which included original tunes. Children were brought to their feet and gravitated to the front of the stage where they danced, played and laughed.

At times, Smith brought the audience into the act, pointing to sections and encouraging those people to sing along. Some fans were eager to participate.

On a personal note, Smith fought back tears as he shared with the crowd the death of a loved one earlier in the day. This provided a somber moment.

Music from the stage wasn't the only thing to delight the crowd. Food vendors made sure plenty of BBQ, ice cream and kettle corn were on hand. Breylee Butcher, 4, wasn't shy about chowing down on a towering bag of kettle corn before the show.

The downtown venue also gave several visitors the chance to reacquire themselves with Hardee's. Several people darted across the street and returned with a takeout Hardee's meal to enjoy on the shady lawn.

Main Street Live continues this Friday night with the music of Runaway Home, a country/Americana band. After that, it's the get-up-and-dance energy of Utopia.

Concerts start at 7 p.m. on The West Lawn of Security Federal.



**Breylee Butcher, 4, enjoys some popcorn while she waits for the Noah Smith show to start Friday night at Main Street Live.**



**Bill Brock has been McMinnville's interim city administrator for four years, a status city officials may soon look to change if they decide to open the hiring process.**

## Mayor suggests hiring new city administrator

### Brock has held interim role 4 years

BY **LISA HOBBS**  
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A temporary position that has lasted almost four years could come to an end for Bill Brock, who is currently interim administrator for the city of McMinnville.

Brock was appointed in August 2014 by the Board of Mayor and Aldermen. The board will meet this Tuesday at 7 p.m. to consider leaving him in that position or begin a hiring process to find his replacement.

Mayor Jimmy Haley, who said Brock has done his duty as city administrator and thanked him for his service, requested the measure to be placed on the docket so he could make a motion to start the hiring process.

"After careful consideration and following several discussions with citizens regarding the future of McMinnville, I have decided to make a motion to advertise the position of city administrator,"

said Haley. "I am hopeful members of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen will join me in this decision."

Prior to being named interim city administrator, Brock was the city's Public Works director. Haley had been acting city administrator for 11 months after former city administrator David Rutherford retired on Aug. 30, 2013. A subsequent hiring process failed to secure a replacement and by city code, the mayor acts as administrator by default.

Brock's appointment brought to an end several months of controversy that included accusations by Alderman Mike Neal that Haley had "overstepped his authority" and that Haley being mayor and administrator "created what some have referred to as a dictator."

Haley shot down that suggestion by saying, "Everything I've done has been for the good of the city - everything."

During the hiring process more than four years ago, Brock applied for the job. However, he did not have the qualification of a college degree as required by current city code. In order to allow him to be acting city administrator, the requirement was relaxed for interim only.

## It's not too late to run for office

BY **JAMES CLARK**  
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If you're catching election fever, there's still time to get on the ballot and run for office this year if you live in McMinnville or Morrison.

Up for election in November are three alderman seats in McMinnville.

In Morrison, the mayor's office and three alderman seats are up for grabs.

Qualifying petitions can be submitted until Aug. 16 at the Election Commission on Locust Street.

The McMinnville alderman seats of Ryle Chastain, Steve Harvey and Everett Brock are up for election. Chastain is the only incumbent to pick up qualifying papers thus far.

Also picking up qualifying papers is former McMinnville city administrator David Rutherford, who has continued his residency here since

retiring in 2013. No one else has picked up qualifying papers, according to the Election Commission.

In Morrison, Mayor Sue Anderson has picked up papers for re-election to give her two races in 2018. Anderson is also running for School Board.

There are two Morrison alderman seats for full four-year terms.

Incumbent Joe Hefner Jr. is the only one to pick up qualifying papers thus far.

There is also a Morrison alderman seat for a two-year term. That's because former alderman Chris Farley resigned Feb. 17 and Kara Youngblood was appointed in March to fill his seat. This election will fill the seat until 2020.

So far LaJuana Baker is the only one to pick up papers for the two-year seat.

Election officials say there is still plenty of time to pick up qualifying papers, get 25 signatures of registered voters, and return the petitions by Thursday, Aug. 16 at noon.



Lacy Garrison photo

**Sheriff Jackie Matheny, right, is presented the CHEER Bell Ringer Award by Tish Hillis on Thursday night.**

## Sheriff gets ringing endorsement

BY **LACY GARRISON**  
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After being invited as the keynote speaker, Warren County Sheriff Jackie Matheny was surprised to receive the CHEER Mental Health Bell Ringer Award at the organization's annual meeting at Central Church of Christ on Thursday night.

"Well, I've already spoke once, but wow,"

said Matheny searching for words. "It's hard to find me without something to say. I sure love y'all and you sure have blessed this old man's heart. I don't know if I deserve this recognition, but I sure do thank you."

Matheny was praised for his help promoting the treatment of mental health and recognizing that mental illness is treatable throughout his tenure as sheriff.

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